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e come che ad ciafeuna pſōa ſtia bene: ad coloro
maſſimamente e richeſto: liquali gia hanno
diconſorto hauuto miſtteri.& hānolo trouato
in alcuno, fra iquali ſe alcuno mai nhebbe: ogli
fu caro o gia nericiuette piacere: lo ſono uno
di quelli, pſcio che dala mia prima giouanezza

in ſino ad queſto tempo: oltra modo eſſendo ſtato acceſo da alciſſimo
& nobile amore fuorſe piu alla i chelamia baſſa cōditione nō parcbbe,
narrandolo io ſirichiedeſſe: quātunque appo coloro, che diſcreti ſi. nō
& ala cui notizia peruenne. lo ne fuſi lodato & da molto piu reputato:
Non dimeno, miſu egli digrandiſſima fatica alſoffrire: certe non
per crudeltà dela donna amata: ma per ſuperchio amore nela mente
conciepto da pocho regolato appetito ilqual, percio aniuo regolato, o
cōuenevole termine mi laſcia cōtento ſtare piu dinoia, che di biſogno
nō era ſpeſſe uolte ſentire miſaceua. Nela qual noia, tūto refrigierio
mi poſſero i piacienuoli ragionamenti dalcuno amico, & le dilecteuoli
ſue conſolationi, che io porto ſermiſſima oppinione per quello eſſere
aduenuto, che non ſia morto. Ma ſicome ad colui piacque, ilquale
eſſendo egli infinito, diede per legge incommutabile ad tutte lecoſe
mondane hauere ſine: il mio amore oltre ad ognaltro ſeruete, e ilquale
niuna forza di proponimento o di conſiglio, o di uergogna euidentē, o
pericolo che ſeguire ne poſſeſſe haueua poſſuto ne rōpere, ne pieghare
per ſemedefimo improceſſo di tempo ſi di minui inguiſa, chelolo diſe
nela mēte mia al preſente ma laſciato quel piacere, che uſato di forgieri
adchi troppo nō ſi metteſſe ne ſuoi piu cupi pelaghi nauicādo: perche
doue faticoſo eſſere ſoleua ogni aſſanno, togliendomi dilecteuole mi
ſento eſſere rimaſu: Ma quantunque cieſſata ſia la pena, non percio e
la memoria fuggita de beneficii gia recteuoti, datimi dacholoro: da
quali per beniuolenza daloro ad me portata erano graui ſemie fatiche,
ne paſſerando mai ſicomiō credo ſenon permorte: Et percio, chela
gratitudine ſecūdo chio credo fra laltre uirtū e ſōmamēte dacōmēdar,
et il contrario dabiſimare per non parer igrato, mecho ſteſſo, ppoſito
di non noler in quel pocho che per me ſipuo incambio dicto, che io
ricieuetti hora che libero dire mi poſſo: & ſe nō a coloro cheme aiuta
rono: A iquali per aduentura perlor ſenno, o per la loro buona uenuta

The first page of Boccaccio, *Decamerone*, [Venice,] C. Valdarfer, 1471.
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